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Sunoco Mariner 2 Project and HDD 290

Below are my comments regarding the restart of the Sunoco Mariner East 2 pipeline in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County.

The companies involved have clearly demonstrated incompetence and disregard for public safety and the environment. The company is an oil field type company who just bully their way through everything that stands in their path to profits. They have no social license to operate in densely populated areas of Chester County. The company has a very poor ESG record and have even worse operational performance.

They bring bad industrial behaviour and area a real threat to the environs of Chester County. At this point the company will say anything to get their pipeline producing cash flow for the shareholders. What about the public that are affected by their actions? They have no inhouse environmental scientists and we are to believe their word at this point.

Are we not stakeholders in this as well? From what I have witnessed, if this company was operating in a developing country, they would have been held to higher ethics and operational standards. We in Chester County, by way of our Governor and DEP, have been side-lined in the whole process. Now they have The Mariner 2 X near completion is no reason to continue with the Mariner 2 East.

I believe the DEP, Senator Comitta and Chester County Commissioners would be obliged to ask the following questions to the company;

1. Where is the public benefit here? This is project was deceitful in its origin. The application through the FERC was intended as a public benefit not company shareholder benefit. The law is old and the use of loopholes is only to be expected by this calibre of company. How is Chester County going to benefit? Discounted propane? Discounted gas? The trickle-down benefits are pie in the sky and far-removed from the people in the pipeline path. The allure of jobs is misleading as they bring in their own transient workforce and only use union labour on a casual basis. Hence no real job growth.
2. What is the emergency preparation and evacuation plan? Has anyone seen the mass casualty models the company has estimated? Is there even a chance for an evacuation? Has anyone seen the disaster simulations and acceptable fatality scenarios? I know you will be shocked to see what Energy Transfer has to say about this.

3. How did they get permission to route a dangerous and hazardous pipeline through a densely populated and environmentally sensitive area? Does the company have the financial capability to survive a major failure of the pipeline?
4. Can you trust this company to safeguard the infrastructure they own? Can you imagine if they are compromised by hackers or Ransome ware? The pipeline can be turned int a weapon of mass destruction. A good question would be, what do they have in place to prevent this and what if any simulations have indicated any vulnerabilities.
5. How does this pipeline affect climate change and how does it affect local/regional/ national climate policy?

I urge the DEP, Senator Commita and the Chester County Commissioners to act in the interest of the public and environs of the county and not approve any further work on the pipeline. I recommend the company go back to the drawing board and not route the infrastructure through densely populated and/or environmentally sensitive areas of the county. Do not give in a fait accompli argument from the company and not consider the infrastructure to be safe for the people and environment of Chester County. Ask yourselves, is this the type of corporate citizen we want operating in the county? Even better yet let the people of Chester County decide.

Respectfully submitted.

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